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For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR CHANGING
LANGUAGES ON A DISPLAY (AS
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Dear Sir:

In response to the action dated June 30, 2004, please reconsider the rejection of claims 15-19 and 26-32 in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 15-19 and 26-32 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Mullaney (U.S. Patent No. 5,917,484) in view of Kusmierczyk (U.S. Patent No. 5,828,992). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Applicant respectfully submits that the combination of Mullaney and Kusmierczyk does not render the invention obvious.

The Examiner concedes that Mullaney does not disclose a "means for displaying a second screen with an option on the display unit, the option having a same appearance regardless of the display language currently displayed, wherein the first screen is displayed when the option is designated on the second screen" as recited in claim 15. The Examiner then asserts that